(c) the extent of aid proposed to be given by the World Health Organization in the development of health schemes in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Durnig 1998-99 biennium, World Health Organization allocated US $ 13,502,000 (approximately Rs. 58 crores) for 40 projects in the development of health schemes. During 2000-2001 biennium, World Health Organization has proposed to allocate US $ 13,760,000 for Government of India/World Health Organization collaborative programme. The activities in respect of which are in the process of being finalized.

Contamination of Life Saving Drugs in Pune

459. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether batches of the life-saving drugs, Methargin injections and tablets, given to pregnant mothers and children have been found contaminated by the Health authorities in Pune; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings in this regard, the number of cases of adverse effects of the drug and the casualties; if any, involved and the steps taken by Government to withdraw the contaminated drugs and other action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) (i) One batch of Injection Methyl Ergometrine Maleate (MEM) was reported sub-standard on 14.7.99 by the State Family Welfare Bureau, Pune, Maharashtra.

(ii) On 6.8.99 and 1.9.99 three batches of Tablet Methyl Ergometrine Mateate (MEM) were reported to have been found in powder form by the State Family Welfare Bureau, Pune, Maharashtra.

(b) (1) Upon receipt of reports from the State Government, MOH&FW initiate the following actions:—

(i) Use of reported batch of Injection MEM was suspended on 21.7.99. Subsequently on 24.8.99, use of all the batches of Injection was suspended and all the concerned State Drug Controllers were asked to draw samples for testing as remedial action. The use of the reported batches of tablets Methyl Ergometrine Maleate was suspended by State Government.

(ii) Each manufacturer was directed to replace the rejected batches.

(2) No casuality/adverse reaction to either the Injection or tablet. MEM has been reported.

(3) The Drug Inspector, Ratnagiri Maharashtra State has initiated action under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, based upon the test reports received in respect of Injection MEM.

Action Plan to Curb Rabies Deaths

460. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of the 75,000 deaths recorded due to rabies a year worldwide, India contributes to around 35,000 deaths; and

(b) if so, whether any nation-wide action plan has been drawn up to effectively curb and contain this menace, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM):

(a) and (b) According to the figures made available by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence the number of deaths on account of rabies during last three years are as follows:

Year	Deaths
1996	281
1997	386
1998	365

During the Sixth Plan period a programme on limited scale for control of canine rables was sanctioned in 16 States and Union Territories. Each State/UT was allocated 1 to 2 canine rabies control units. An amount of Rs. 117 lakh and Rs. 192 lakh and Rs. 334 lakh were earmarked as Central assistance for these programme during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Plan.

During 1997-98 an amount of Rs. 70 lakh was provided under this Programme. This Programme is being continued during the Ninth Plan. At present a total of about 60 canine rabies control Units are functioning in the country.

Opening of CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

461. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: